# Mio AuSable Elementary News



October & November 2023

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, September 29 ½ day

Thursday, October 12 ½ day & P-T Conferences

Friday, October 13
½ day

**Friday, October 27**End of 1st Marking Period

Monday, October 30
No School For Students

Wednesday, November 15

No School

Thursday, November 23 No School

Friday, November 24
No School

### **BREAKFAST**

All students may eat breakfast (and lunch) for no charge at school! Each day at breakfast there is a hot option as well as a cereal choice. With elementary starting instruction at 8:05 am we ask that any student eating breakfast arrive between 7:45-8:00 am. This allows students time to eat before starting the day. If, however, your student is here by 8:05 he/she will still be able to eat as the goal is for ALL students to enjoy breakfast.

## **ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES**

It is so important that you keep the office and the clinic updated with working telephone numbers. Keeping the school updated with current address and telephone numbers is a safety issue and we want to be able to reach you should your child become ill or injured. Practicing the address and phone number with your child will also increase his/her safety no matter where he/she might be. We ask that any changes of this sort come to the office in writing.

#### **SEESAW**

If you haven't connected yet, you are missing out!

Be sure to connect with your child's teacher via

SeeSaw. You will get important updates, reminders, and have a quick and easy way to communicate with your child's teacher.

Staying connected, home to school, is an important factor in the educational success for your child.

#### FRIDAY FOLDERS

Please be sure to check your student's Friday Folder each week. Important information comes home in the folders weekly. This is another great way to support home to school communication. A huge thank you to PIE&G for donating the amazing folders and Ms. Holloway for the great design!

### **WEEKEND FOOD BAGS**

We are proud to help support families that may need sustainable food over the weekend. We participate in the food backpack program through the Food Bank Of Eastern Michigan. Each Friday from October through May we can send a bag home with shelf stable food consisting of two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and four snacks for a student at school. If you feel a bag such as this would be beneficial please reach out to the office or your child's teacher to get signed up. It is private and the information is kept confidential.

If you'd like to financially donate to this, we are accepting monetary donations either through the school or directly to the food bank. Feel free to reach out to the office with specific questions.

## REMEMBER THAT...

Students may bring <u>water bottles</u> to school to have throughout the day. We ask that ONLY clear, unflavored water be in these. The students also can fill them up at our clean and fresh filling stations.

Shoe tying is a skill that can be fun and easy to practice at home. Please work with your child if he/she is not yet able to tie shoes. If that is the case, please send him/her to school in shoes that he/she can get on and off easily and will be safe moving throughout the hallways on a daily basis.

Any changes to end of the day routines need to come to the office in writing by noon. This too is to ensure all students get safely dismissed. The easiest way is to send a note with your child in the morning. He/she will show the teacher and it then gets turned in to the office so all adults in charge of dismissal are aware of the departure method: pick up or bus.

#### **DOGS**

Many of us love the furry, four-legged canines but having them on school grounds can be somewhat problematic. If you have your dog with you at pick up, please leave Fido in the car. Sometimes dogs startle and sometimes they startle children, so for the sake of our students and your dog, please leave him/her in the car during dismissal. We appreciate this and know Fido will be tail-wagging in the car!

#### WHERE DO I FIND THAT?

Almost everything you could be searching for is going to be found on our website. We have the school calendar posted there as well as athletic information, school handbook information, breakfast and lunch menus as well as contact information for each school building. Check us out at **miok12.net**.

Of course, if you have any questions, first reach out to your child's teacher. If she is not able to help you with the answer, please call Mrs. Shiffer, the elementary principal, at 826-2485.

Another great way to see student artwork, get updates on student recognition awards, be reminded of fun events planned and recognize community partners is through our Facebook page, **Mio AuSable Schools**.

#### CHARACTER TRAIT FOCUS

**September - Respect** 

October - Responsibility

**November - Gratitude**